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Senator George D. Aiken
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Aiken:

I am informed by a member of the National Intelligence Authority that, under date of February 18, 1947, your Committee has requested the Director of the Central Intelligence Group to furnish information concerning the organizational structure and personnel assignments of the Central Intelligence Group.

This Group is a highly confidential agency which gathers foreign intelligence information from all available sources. It presents strategic and national policy intelligence to me and to the heads of the executive departments having responsibility for the national security. This agency, in coordinating intelligence channels, is expected to reduce some of the duplication which formerly existed.

In view of the delicacy of its operations, the release of the requested data would be of inestimable value to the intelligence efforts of other nations. Such information would enable another nation to assess quite accurately the scope of our activities and the extent of our coverage.

I fully realize the nature of the work of your Committee. I am therefore authorizing the Director of Central Intelligence to give you the information you desire, provided that it be done in an oral, off-the-record conversation to be held in the strictest confidence. For the reasons cited above, I believe that you will agree with me that this is necessary in the interests of the national security.

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